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PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES FOR NEGOTIATORS AND
COMMON FACILITIES

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B) USNATO 3238

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1. MAJORITY FAVORED INCLUSION OF MBFR DELEGATIONS ON EMBASSY STAFFS AND DIPLOMATIC ACCREDITATION TO AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT. UK REP OBJECTED ON GROUNDS THEIR RESIDENT AMBASSADOR WOULD BE ASKED TO ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR PEOPLE OVER WHOM HE MIGHT NOT HAVE FULL CONTROL. TO MEET THIS PROBLEM, IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT MBFR DELEGATION PERSONNEL BE LISTED SEPARATELY FROM EMBASSY STAFF. INTERNATIONAL STAFF REP REPORTED OPINION VOLUNTEERED BY GOA FONOFF OFFICIAL WHO HAD CONSULTED FONOFF LEGAL STAFF AND CONCLUDED GOA WOULD PREFER EMBASSY ATTACHMENT PROCEDURE.

2. NO AGREEMENT ON WHETHER TO PLACE INTERNATIONAL STAFF, INTER-
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NATIONAL MILITARY STAFF AND SHAPE REPS ON NATIONAL EMBASSY STAFFS. DUTCH FAVORED NATIONAL DIPLOMATIC ACCREDITATION BUT CANADIANS, ITALIANS AND FRG WERE OPPOSED ON GROUNDS THAT SUCH PROCEDURE MIGHT DETRACT FROM INTERNATIONAL STATUS THESE OFFICIALS AND DIPLOMATIC

ACCREDITATION NOT COVERED BY VIENNA CONVENTION. PERSONAL SUGGESTION BY BELGIAN REP THAT IS/IMS/SHAPE REPS BE LISTED ON EMBASSY STAFFS IN TECHNICAL-ADMINISTRATIVE CATEGORY MIGHT OFFER BASIS OF SOLUTION MOST COULD ACCEPT.

3. BELGIAN FONMIN VAN ELSELANDE WILL RAISE BOTH THESE QUESTIONS ON BEHALF OF ALLIANCE WHEN HE VISITS VIENNA JULY 16-17.

4. QUESTION 1 ON CHECKLIST RE COMMON FACILITIES (REF A) ANSWERED AFFIRMATIVELY BY ALL WHO SPOKE (NINE DELS). ON QUESTION 2, DUTCH (ON INSTRUCTIONS) WERE THE ONLY HOLDOUTS, INDICATING SCHOTTENRING BUILDING IN THEIR VIEW WAS NOT SUFFICIENTLY SECURE, EXCEEDED SPACE REQUIREMENTS FOR "FOOTHOLD CONCEPT," AND WOULD BE COSTLY TO MAINTAIN AND REFURBISH. DUTCH REP RECOMMENDED JULY 15 DEADLINE BE EXTENDED TO PERMIT FURTHER STUDY AND SUBMISSION OF COST FIGURES. CHAIRMAN NOTED THAT JULY 15 DEADLINE WAS IMMINENT AND SUGGESTED FURTHER DISCUSSION JULY 12. DUTCH REP SAID HE WOULD HAVE FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS BY THEN. (WE INFER HE WOULD THEN BE IN A POSITION TO GO WITH MAJORITY.)

5. ON QUESTION 3, BELGIUM WAS UNANIMOUSLY ACCEPTED AS ALLIANCE REPRESENTATIVE FOR LEASING PURPOSES. BELGIAN REP WILL SEEK INSTRUCTIONS. QUESTION 4 WILL BE REFERRED TO AD HOC BUDGET COMMITTEE TO BE FORMED AFTER BUILDING IS SELECTED. QUESTION 5 AND 6 WERE ANSWERED GENERALLY IN THE AFFIRMATIVE, BUT UK, DUTCH, NORWEGIAN, CANADIAN AND BELGIAN REPS INDICATED THEIR DELS HAD NO NEED FOR NATO-WIDE COMMUNICATION FACILITIES AND WOULD OBJECT TO PAYING FOR THEM. ONLY TURKS EXPLICITLY FAVORED ESTABLISHMENT OF NATO-WIDE TERMINAL. IS REP PRESENT NOTED ANNUAL COST OF TERMINAL WOULD BE IN NEIGHBORHOOD OF 3 MILLION BELGIAN FRANCS OF WHICH SOME 2.5 MILLION WOULD BE FOR SALARIES (FOR MILITARY COMMUNICATIONS PERSONNEL ALREADY ON THE ROLLS). IN RESPONSE TO DUTCH REQUEST, CHAIRMAN AGREED TO ARRANGE FOR CIRCULATION OF STATEMENT ON COST BREAKDOWN AND TECHNICAL CHARACTERISTICS OF TERMINAL.

6. ON QUESTION 7, IS REP EMPHASIZED NEED FOR ADVANCE PERSONNEL TO GET BUILDING READY FOR USE AND FOR SECURITY GUARDS DURING THIS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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PHASE. HE NOTED FRG HAD BEEN APPROACHED INFORMALLY TO PROVIDE SAME.

7. IS REP ENQUIRED WHETHER BELGIANS COULD ASK AUSTRIANS FOR RENTAL FIGURE ON SCHOTTENRIGN BUILDING. U.S. REP SAID HE ASSUMED RENTAL FIGURE MUST HAVE BECOME AVAILABLE DURING EXTENSIVE CANVASS OF VARIOUS PREMISES IN VIENNA. U.S. AND BELGIAN REPS WERE ASKED TO PROVIDE RENTAL AND OTHER COST INFORMATION SCHOTTENRING BUILDING IN TIME FOR JULY 12 DISCUSSION. (WE WILL TELEPHONE EMBASSY VIENNA FOR THIS PURPOSE.)
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